

**AN ORDINANCE BY
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 158-66 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AUTHORIZE THE FUNDING OF THREE NEW EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS WHO SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRIMMING AND MAINTENANCE OF TREES WITHIN THE CITY; TO AUTHORIZE THE SALARY AND BENEFITS OF THE NEW EMPLOYEES BE PAID FROM THE TREE TRUST FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta ("City") Tree Conservation Commission was established by Section 158-26, et seq., and specifically Section 158-61 ("Tree Protection Ordinance"), and was tasked with establishing a Tree Trust Fund to be utilized for the protection, planting, maintenance, and regeneration of City trees and other forest resources, and for related education programs and materials; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs ("DPRCA") to establish three new positions in DPRCA that will be responsible for the maintenance of trees on City property, including pruning, limbing, and other services that help to maintain a healthy tree canopy. The three new positions will consist of one Forestry Crew Supervisor, one Tree Trimmer Senior, and one Tree Trimmer ("Tree Trimming Crew").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION 1: Atlanta Code of Ordinances Section 168-66 entitled "Tree Trust Fund", Subsection (a) entitled "Establishment and Administration", shall be amended by adding a new paragraph immediately after the third paragraph that begins "A maximum of \$110,000.00 per year of the fund may be used to fund the annual salary and benefits of the two arborist positions." The new paragraph shall state as follows:

"A maximum of \$200,000.00 per year of the fund may be used to pay for the annual salary and benefits of an Office of Parks Tree Trimming Crew. The Tree Trimming Crew shall be comprised of one Forestry Crew Supervisor, one Tree Trimmer Senior, and one Tree Trimmer. The members of this crew will be responsible for providing services that maintain and enhance the health of the City's tree canopy, including trimming, pruning, and limbing trees that are located in City-owned parks and rights-of-way."

SECTION 2: The salaries and the benefits of the Tree Trimming Crew shall be paid by amending the 2011 (Tree Trust Fund) Budget as follows:

TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS

7701	TRUST FUND
250101	PCD COMMISSIONER OF DPCD
5239004	SERVICE GRANT
1320000	CHIEF EXECUTIVE
600013	TREE REMOVAL PROTECTION
69999	NON CAPITAL TRUST

TOTAL: \$200,000.00

TRANSFER TO APPROPRIATIONS

7701	TRUST FUND
140201	PRC PARKS ADMINISTRATION
5111001	SALARIES REGULAR
6210000	PARK ADMINISTRATION
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TOTAL: \$200,000.00

SECTION 3: All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby waived for purposes of this Ordinance only, and only to the extent of said conflict.

Part II: Legislative White Paper: (This portion of the Legislative Request Form will be shared with City Council members and staff)

A. To be completed by Legislative Counsel:

Committee of Purview: Community Development/Human Resources Committee

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Council Meeting Date: July 5, 2011

Requesting Dept.: Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

B. To be completed by the department:

1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).

The purpose of this legislation is to amend the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, Section 158-66 to establish three new positions in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs that will be responsible for the trimming and maintenance of trees within the City.

2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.

3. If Applicable/Known:

(a) **Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):**

(b) **Source Selection:**

(c) **Bids/Proposals Due:**

(d) **Invitations Issued:**

(e) **Number of Bids:**

(f) **Proposals Received:**

(g) **Bidders/Proponents:**

(h) **Term of Contract:**

4. Fund Account Center: TRANSFER FROM APPROPRIATIONS

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5. Source of Funds:

6. Fiscal Impact: \$200,000.00

7. Method of Cost Recovery:

This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By:

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: CANDACE L. BYRD

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: Margo Walker

Contact Number: (404) 546-6747

Originating Department: Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Committee(s) of Purview: Community Development/Human Resources Committee

Chief of Staff Deadline: May 27, 2011

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): June 28, 2011

Anticipated Full Council Date: July 5, 2011

Legislative Counsel's Signature: Robin Shahar

Commissioner's Signature: _____

Chief Information Officer Signature (for IT Procurements) _____

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: _____

CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT: (if any)

Mayor's Staff Only

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Submitted to Council: _____ (date)